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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 21, Motorcycle Driving

- 1. References:
 - a. DoD Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, dated 20 Jul 99
 - b. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 8 Jul 88
 - c. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dated 12 Mar 87
 - d. USAREUR Reg 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dated 6 Jan 00
- 2. PURPOSE: To outline requirements operation of motorcycles inside USAG BENELUX AOR.
- 3. APPLICABILITY: All US military and civilian personnel and their family members operating a motorcycle inside USAG Benelux AOR.
- 4. POLICY: The operation of a motorcycle on US Installations constitutes a conditional privilege extended by the commander, USAG BENELUX. Individuals desiring this privilege will meet the following conditions:
- a. Possess, while operating a motorcycle, and produce upon demand of the Military Police or contract guards:
- (1) Proof of valid registration (SHAPE, Belgian, Netherlands, German or appropriate registration).
 - (2) A valid Motorcycle Driver's License.
 - (3) Proof of valid insurance (i.e. Green Card) for privately owned vehicles.
- (4) Must be in possession of an US Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Motorcycle Safety Course certificate. This certificate must be dated within the last three years.

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- b. The operator of any two wheeled motor vehicle will:
- (1) Obey all applicable traffic rules and regulations to include registering motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds IAW host nation laws.
 - (2) Operate with headlights at all times.
- (3) Ensure passengers wear approved protective helmets. US operators must wear helmets properly fastened under the chin and IAW standards set by the American National Standards Institute Z90-1 or the Economic Commission for Europe Norm 22-02.
- (4) Ensure shatterproof eye protection is worn. Eye protection must meet the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission Regulation, standard 8.
 - (5) Will not wear headphones.
 - (6) Ensure reflectorized vests are worn.
- (7) Ensure protective clothing is worn (i.e. protective helmet, eye protection, boots, long sleeve vest, etc.).
- (8) Make sure the motorcycle is equipped with all necessary safety equipment (turn-signal, horn, etc.) including 2 rear view mirrors.
- 5. Violators of the aforementioned policy are subject to criminal and/or administrative adverse action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military justice and/or federal civilian misconduct standards.
- 6. Those that have already registered their motorcycle, across the BENELUX, and **do not** possess a valid Motorcycle Safety Course certificate have until 1 January 2006 to attend a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Motorcycle Safety Course, or their license to operate on US facilities in Europe will be revoked.
- The proponent office for this action is the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), USAG BENELUX at DSN 361-5162.

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